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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sachet comprising:
a tray portion to which is non-releasably sealably affixed a composite releasably sealable structure; said composite releasably sealable structure comprising:
at least a first layer overlaying a second layer; said first layer comprising a semi-rigid member; said composite releasably sealable structure including an aperture region therein; said aperture region comprising a first sub-aperture region in said first layer in communication with a second sub-aperture region located in said second layer; said second sub-aperture region comprising a rupturable film component such that, upon application of opening force, the first and second sub-aperture regions rupture so as to open the sachet and wherein, upon at least one of releasing the opening force and application of closing force, the first sub-aperture region closes such that the first layer again overlays the film component so as to reseal the sachet.
2. (Currently Amended) The sachet of Claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein said second layer comprises~~ a second upper film layer arranged on said first layer.
3. (Previously Presented) The sachet of Claim 1 wherein said first sub-aperture region comprises a score line in said first layer.
4. (Previously Presented) The sachet of Claim 1 wherein said first layer is sealed to said second layer at said aperture region.
5. (Previously Presented) The sachet of Claim 4 wherein said seal remains intact after first rupture of said aperture region.
6. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a sachet, said sachet comprising a ~~tray portion~~ first film layer to which is non-releasably sealably affixed a composite releasably sealable structure; said composite releasably sealable structure comprising ~~at least a first layer overlaying a second layer; said first layer comprising~~ a semi-rigid member and a second film layer; said composite releasably sealable structure including an aperture region therein; said aperture region comprising a first sub-aperture region in said ~~first layer~~ semi-rigid member in communication with a second sub-aperture region located in said second film layer; said second

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sub-aperture region comprising a rupturable region of the second film component layer and wherein the semi-rigid member is arranged such that the semi-rigid member is arranged externally to the second film layer; said method comprising the steps of:

- a. forming an array of indentations in a the first film layer, each indentation ~~corresponding to said~~ defining a tray portion;
- b. injecting a flowable substance into said indentations;
- c. ~~placing an upper sheet assembly corresponding to~~ said composite releasably sealable structure over said array of indentations;
- d. non-releasably sealing peripheral portions of said indentations to said ~~upper sheet assembly~~ composite releasably sealable structure thereby to form an array of sachets.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6 wherein said steps are performed in a batch mode.

8. (Currently Amended) A sachet for the packaging and dispensing of a flowable substance, comprising a semi-rigid member having formed thereon a weakened region so that upon bending across said weakened region said semi-rigid member will fracture along said weakened region, a reservoir means formed by overlaid first and second flexible film layers and adapted to contain said flowable substance, said first and second flexible film layers being non-releasably affixed upon with said semi-rigid member such that the semi-rigid member is externally arranged and including an aperture ~~therethrough~~ region of the second film layer arranged at a location proximate to said weakened region; said aperture region comprising a rupturable film component; the region of the said second flexible film layer immediately surrounding said aperture being sealed to the adjacent region of the said semi-rigid member so as to ~~prevent~~ inhibit leakage of said flowable substance from within the said reservoir means, whereby fracturing along said weakened region will expose the said aperture so as to allow the said flowable substance to be dispensed.

9. (Previously Presented) The sachet of claim 8 wherein the weakened region comprises a score line across said semi-rigid member.

10. (Previously Presented) The sachet of claim 8 wherein the first and second flexible film layers comprise separate flexible film members affixed together at their respective peripheral regions.

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11. (Currently Amended) A sachet for the packaging and dispensing of an item or a flowable substance, said sachet comprising a semi-rigid member having formed thereon a weakened region so that upon bending across said weakened region said semi-rigid member will fracture along said weakened region so as to define a first sub-aperture region, a reservoir means formed by overlaid first and second flexible film layers and adapted to contain said item or flowable substance, said first and second flexible film layers being non-releasably affixed ~~upon~~ with said semi-rigid member such that the semi-rigid member is externally arranged; said second flexible film layer incorporating a second sub-aperture region comprising a rupturable film component; ~~the region of the said second flexible film layer immediately surrounding an aperture or aperture region being~~ sealed to the adjacent region of the said semi-rigid member so as to ~~prevent~~ inhibit leakage of said item or flowable substance from within the said reservoir means, whereby fracturing along said weakened region will expose the said aperture so as to allow said item or flowable substance to be dispensed.

Please add the following new Claims:

12. (New) The sachet of Claim 1, wherein the second sub-aperture region defines a generally annular rupturable region of said film component.

13. (New) The sachet of Claim 12, wherein the second sub-aperture is generally circularly annular and is generally centrally arranged in the second layer.

14. (New) The sachet of Claim 1, wherein the first layer provides semi-rigid structural support arranged externally to the second layer such that, after initial rupturing of the first and second sub-apertures and resealing of the sachet, flow of material through the second sub-aperture is inhibited by blockage of the film component against the resealed first sub-aperture.

15. (New) The method of Claim 6, further comprising forming the second sub-apertures as annular rupturable regions in the second film layer generally centrally arranged with respect to the tray portions.